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# CAN-FD stack porting and secure bootloaders

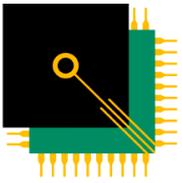
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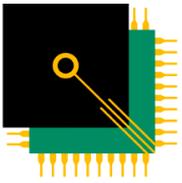




# Webinar Contents



- Review of CAN-FD basics (from part 1)**
- Implications for Higher-Layer Protocols**
  - CANopen, J1939 and others
- Implications for Bootloading**
- Security risks, ransomware**
- ESAcademy's Secure Bootloader**
  - Protection levels
  - CANcrypt basics
  - Key management
  - Bootloader operation
  - LPC546xx implementation



# Embedded Systems Academy

## Founded 1999

## Services

- Consulting
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## Firmware

- CANopen stack
- J1939 stack
- Bootloader

## Software

- NXP's Flash Magic
- CANopen Magic
- CANcrypt

## Participate in CANopen standardization

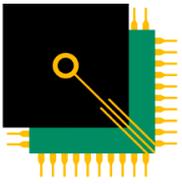


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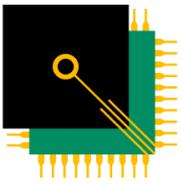
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Review from part I of this webinar  
FD: Flexible Data(rate)

# CAN-FD BASICS



# Differences between CAN and CAN-FD

## ❑ Mixed bitrates

- “Nominal rate” for control (arbitration, control, ACK)
- “Data rate” (multiple of nominal) for data field and CRC
  - Limited by transceivers in practice
  - Need FD-compliant transceivers above 1Mbps

## ❑ More data per frame

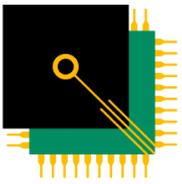
- Up to 64 bytes instead of 8
- Allows for higher throughput

## ❑ Bus topology and wiring stays the same

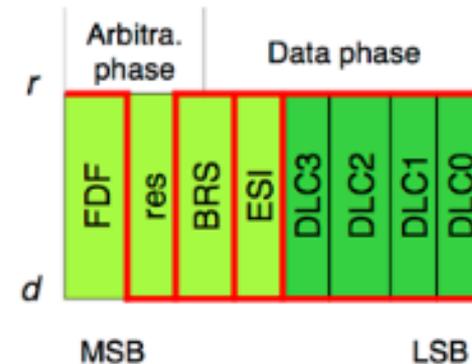
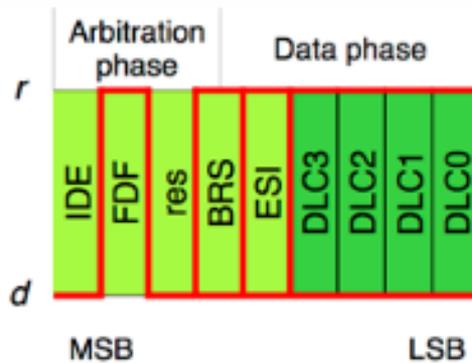
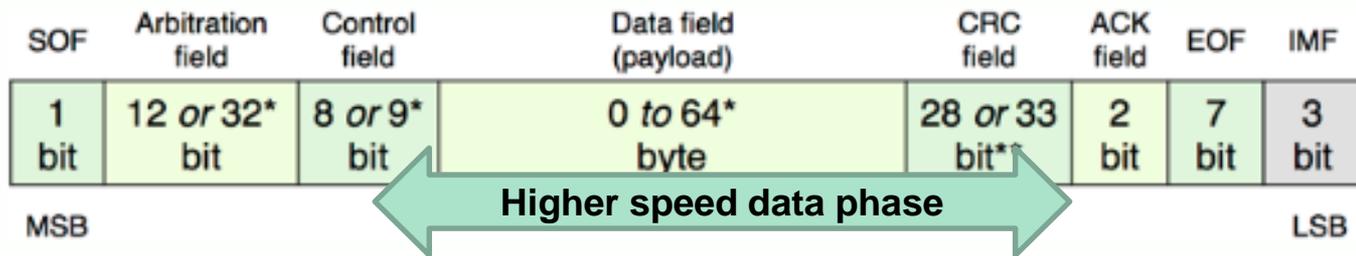
- Same networking costs
- More sensitive on higher rates

## ❑ **NOTE: if CAN-FD is enabled, ALL devices connected must support CAN-FD**

- Exception: CAN-FD “ignoring” transceivers



# CAN-FD Message Frames

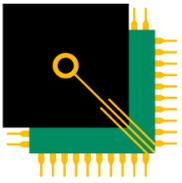


No. of data bytes	Data length code (DLC)			
	DLC3	DLC2	DLC1	DLC0
0 to 8	As in Classical CAN			
12	r	d	d	r
16	r	d	r	d
20	r	d	r	r
24	r	r	d	d
32	r	r	d	r
48	r	r	r	d
64	r	r	r	r

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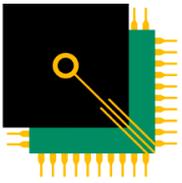
Higher Layer Protocols like CANopen, J1939, others

# PROTOCOL IMPLICATIONS

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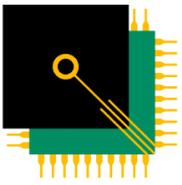
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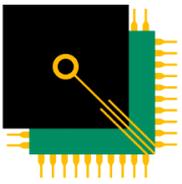


## It's a hard transition

- CAN and CAN-FD can not easily be mixed**
  - A classic CAN controller not capable of CAN-FD will destroy CAN-FD messages with error frames
- If CAN-FD is enabled, all participants must support it**
- Therefore higher layer protocols do not necessarily have to be backward compatible**
  - There is no „mixed“ operation, just either / or
- First step is to re-pack pre-defined data messages**
  - Now up to 64 bytes (instead of 8) available
- This is work in progress...**



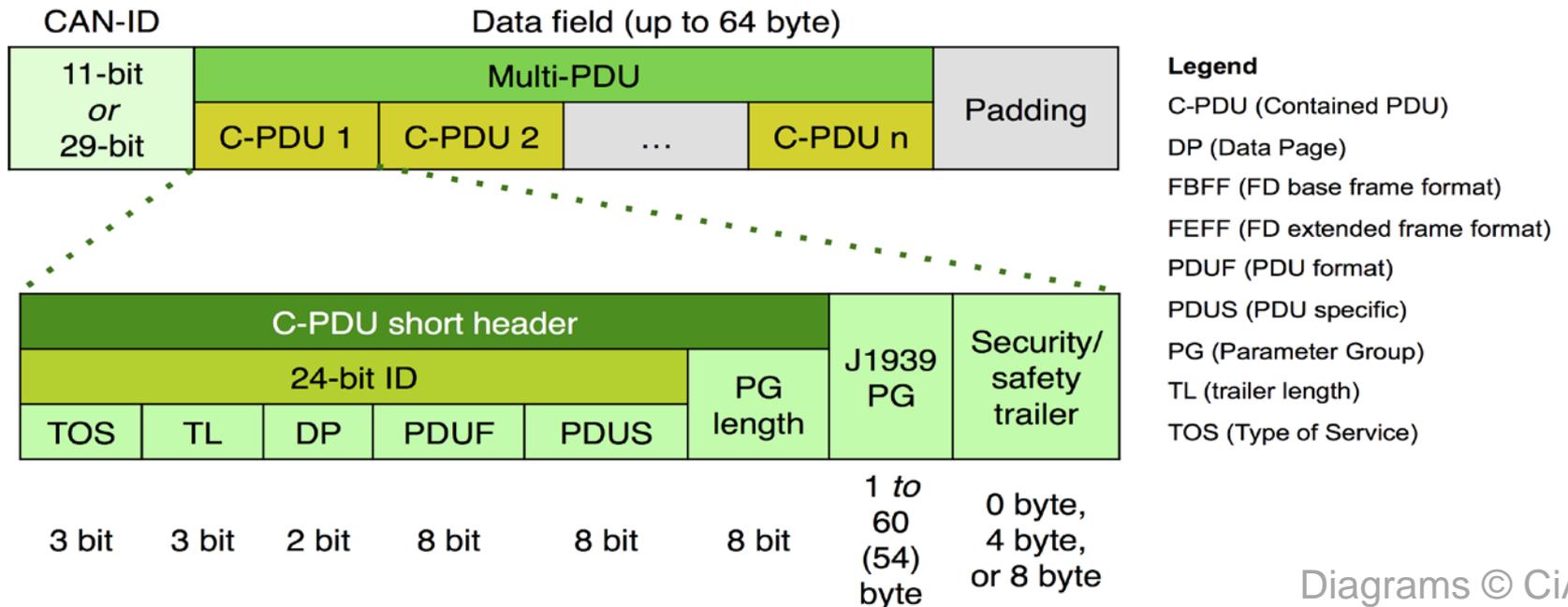
- ❑ **CANopen-FD is still under development**
- ❑ **First demonstrators have been shown**
- ❑ **Support of 64byte message length for „PDO“**
  - Process data objects can now contain more data
  - As a result less CAN-IDs are required per node
- ❑ **New transfer mode „USDO“ instead of „SDO“**
  - Universal Service Data Object
    - Request / Response communication
    - Fully meshed (every device can do this)
    - Any size (segmentation included)
    - Broadcast



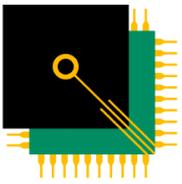
# J1939 by SAE

(Truck Bus Control And Communications Network Committee)

- ❑ **CAN-in-Automation (CiA) members have mapped SAE's J1939 application profile to the CAN FD data link layer**
  - Corresponding CiA 602-2 specification to be released

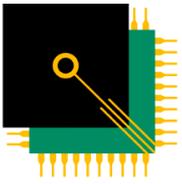


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# How to upgrade existing CAN code

- ❑ **If a 3rd party communication stack is used, upgrading to CAN-FD should be done by developers of stack**
- ❑ **If properly done, should be possible to do with minimal changes to application interface**
- ❑ **ESAcademy's Micro CANopen Example:**
  - All parameters and all data communicated is in an object dictionary (kind of look up table)
  - API addresses Objects in this dictionary, then application does not need to make any modifications.
    - Unless complete new features are used
    - Example: mass broadcast



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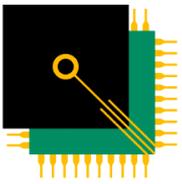
Code updates via CAN or CAN-FD

# BOOTLOADER IMPLICATIONS

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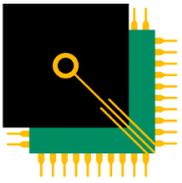




# It's about code size and update time



- ❑ **Speeding up code updates was one of the driving factors behind the development of CAN-FD**
  - Tendancy is that code gets bigger
  - 128k update on classical CAN can take minutes
    - Main issue is segmentation not speed
      - For reliable transfer only segment by segment
      - Request-Response-Request-Response...
      - Over the thumb estimate: one segment per 3-5ms
- ❑ **Data transfer per segment**
  - One byte per segment used for flow control
  - Data bytes per segment
    - Classical CAN: 7 bytes
    - CAN-FD: 63 bytes
- ❑ **Conservative expectation is that code updates are executed 8 times faster**
  - 128k update on CAN-FD within 5 seconds



# Compatibility issues

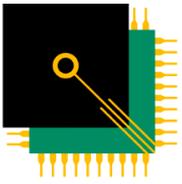


## ❑ When CAN-FD is actively used

- All connected and powered up CAN controllers must support CAN-FD
  - Else error frames will be generated by classical CAN devices

## ❑ An application uses classical CAN, can CAN-FD be used for code updates only?

- Possible if during the bootloading process all non CAN-FD capable devices are disconnected or powered down



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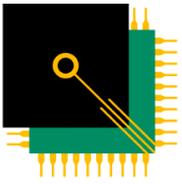
## Code update security issues, ransomware

# BOOTLOADER RISKS

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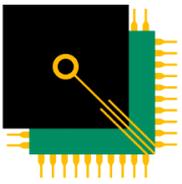


# What could possibly go wrong?

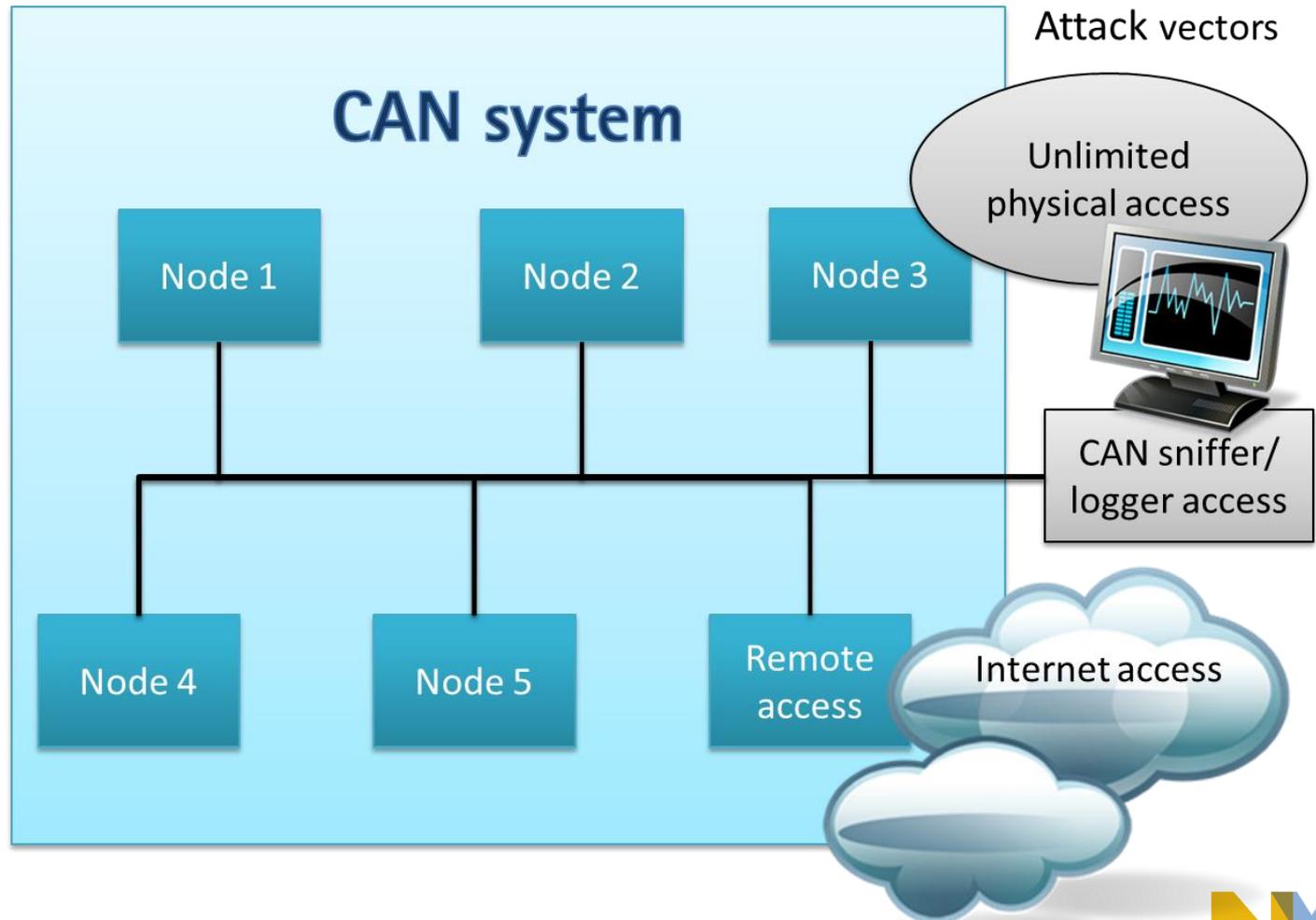


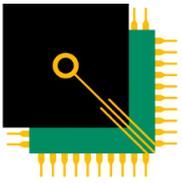
## If code falls into the “wrong hands”, ...

- ❑ ... could it be easily copied to other devices?
  - Programmed into a copy of the original hardware?
  
- ❑ ... could intellectual property be extracted?
  - Re-engineering of code and used elsewhere?
  
- ❑ ... could an attacker modify it?
  - Before it gets programmed into your device, introducing malicious code?
  - Could Embedded Ransomware lock the device?



# Attacker access options to CAN or CAN-FD





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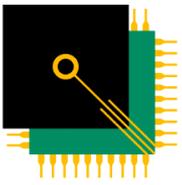
ESAcademy's CAN(-FD)

# SECURE BOOTLOADER

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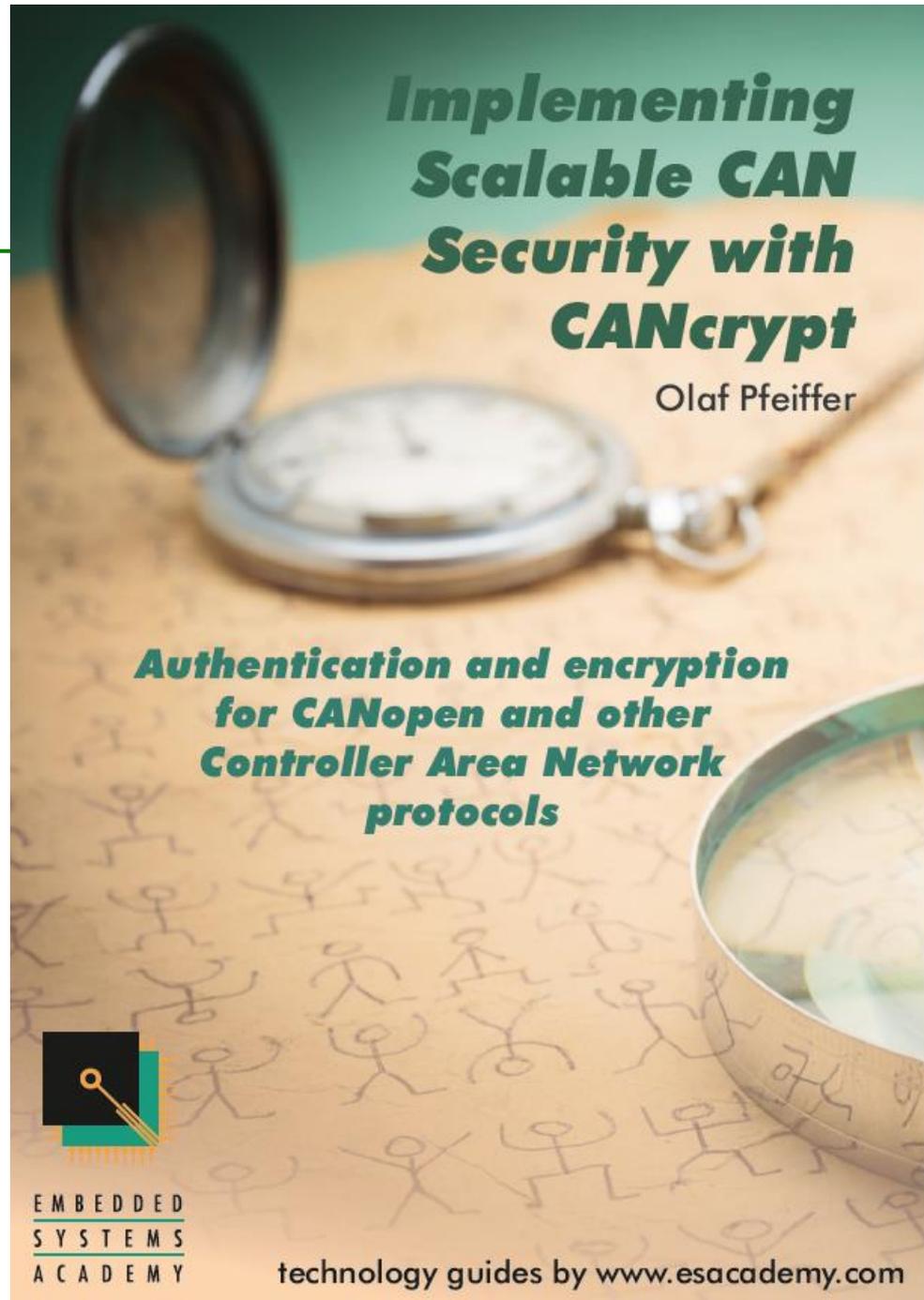
# CANcrypt Basics

- Security framework supporting various methods
- Secret key generation and exchange
- Pairing and grouping
- Encrypted and authenticated communication
- Minimal authentication using a secure heartbeat

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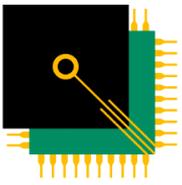
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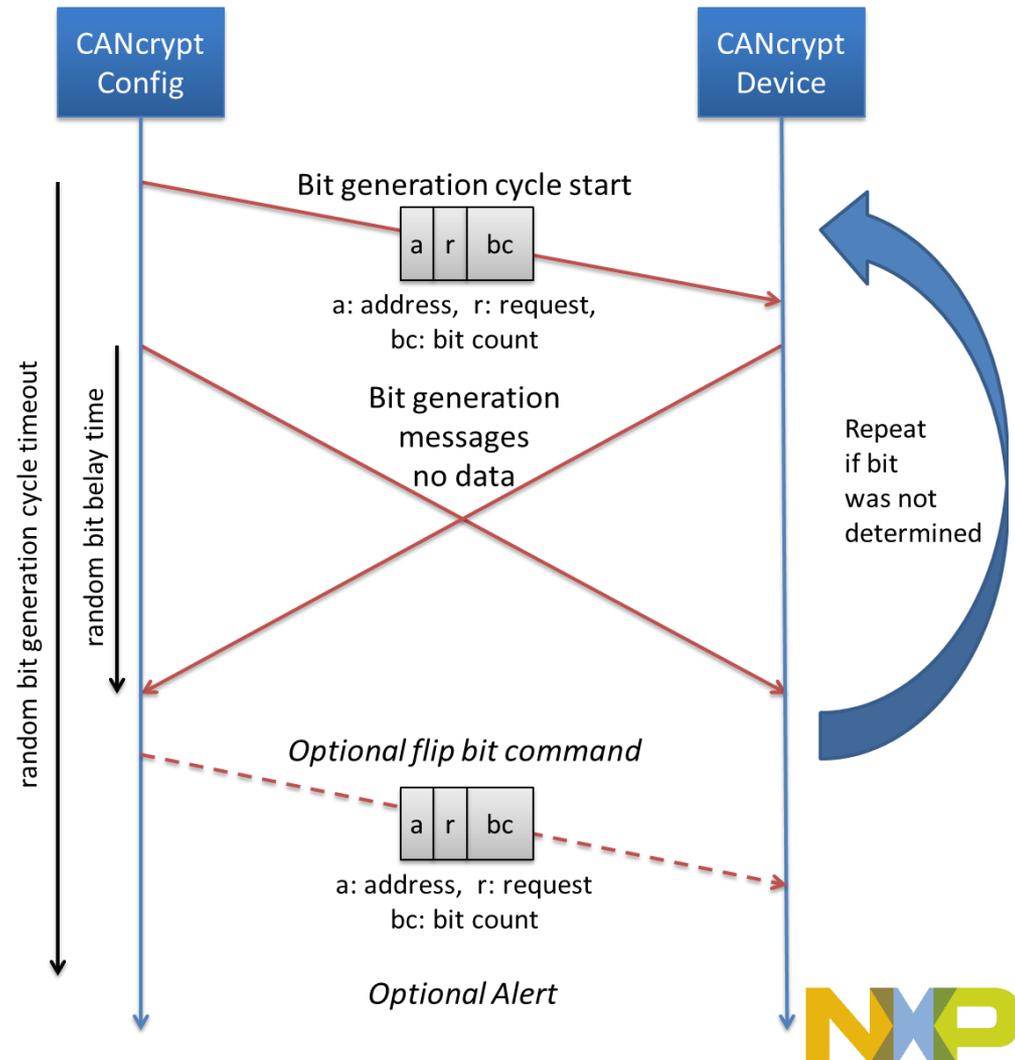
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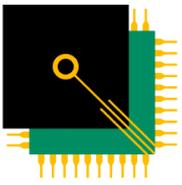
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# CANcrypt: Secret bit generation

- ❑ Cycle initiated by configurator
- ❑ In random time window both transmit randomly X or Y
- ❑ If window contains XX or YY, start over
- ❑ If window contains XY or YX, generated bit is 1, if configurator sent X, else bit is 0
- ❑ 256bit key in 4-6s





# CANcrypt: Pairing and key exchange

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## ❑ Secure connection between two devices

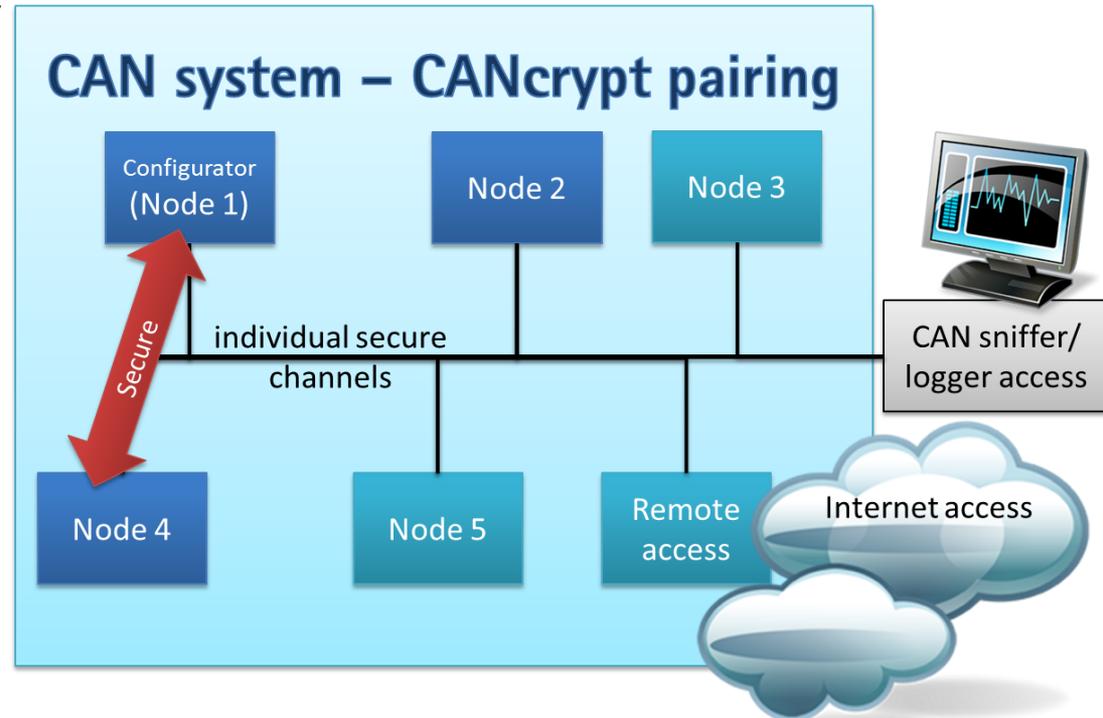
- based on symmetric key

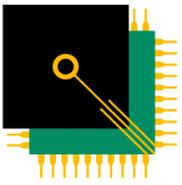
## ❑ Initiated by configurator

## ❑ Uses CANcrypt bit generation cycle

## ❑ Intended use

- key generation and exchange
- device setup or configuration
- crucial commands like bootloader activation

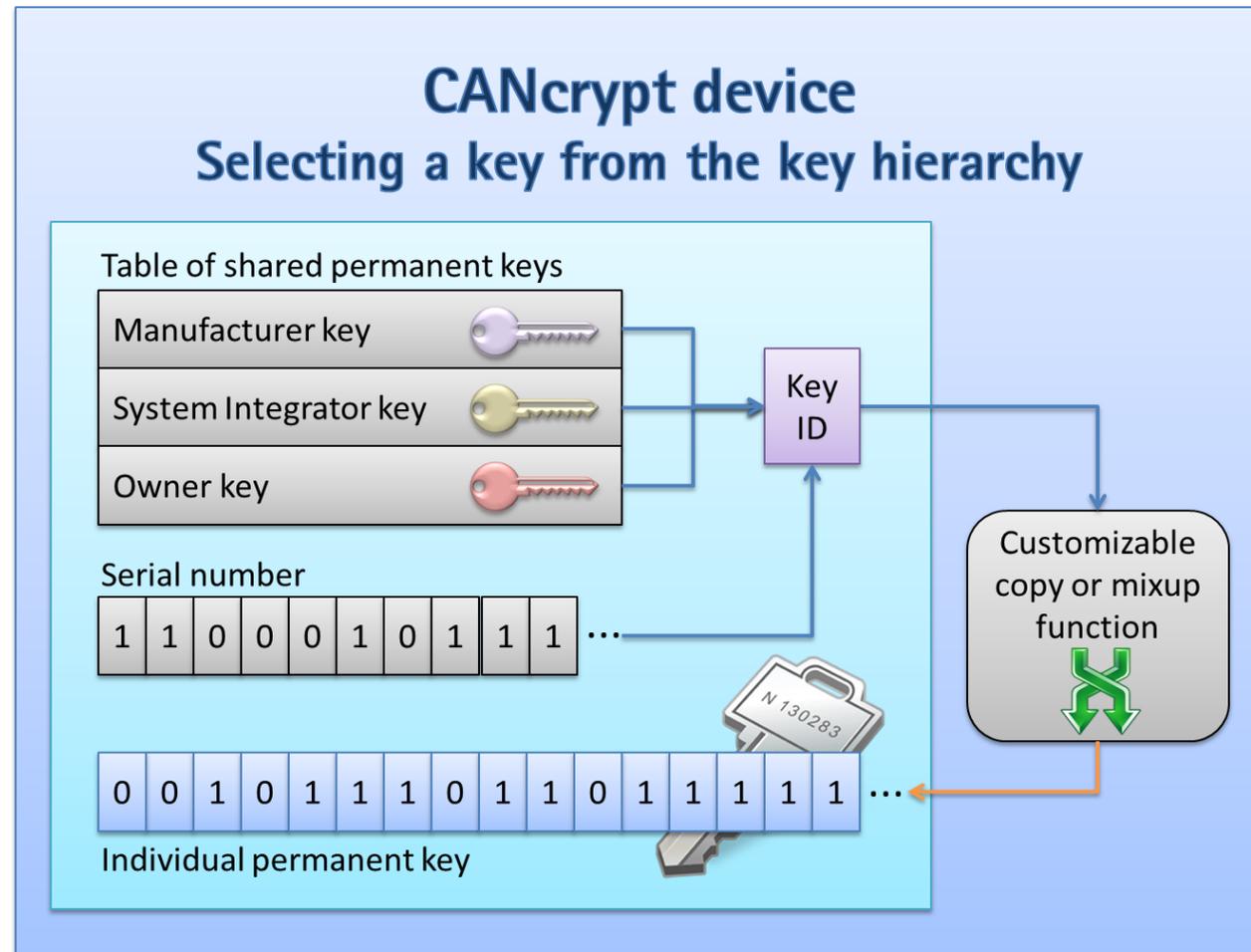


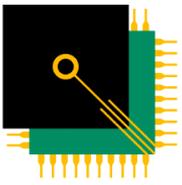


# CANcrypt: Key management

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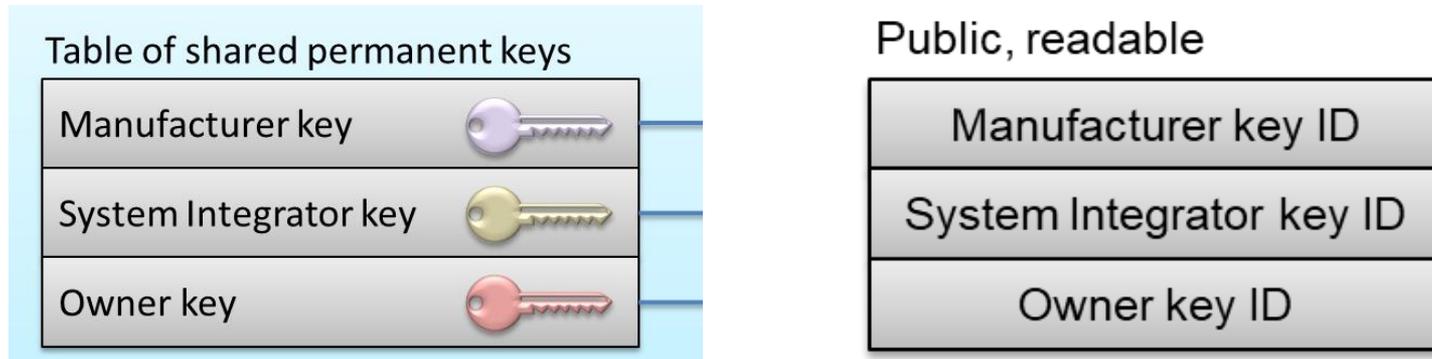
- ❑ **Key hierarchy**
  - symmetric
- ❑ **Different keys can have different authorities**
- ❑ **Bootloader access limited to manufacturer and system integrator**
- ❑ **Optional: combined with serial number**



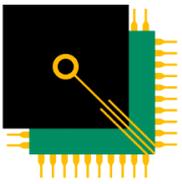


# CANcrypt: Key identification

- ❑ How can a key management system remember which key was installed where?
- ❑ Each key is associated with a unique 32-bit key ID assigned and stored when installing the key



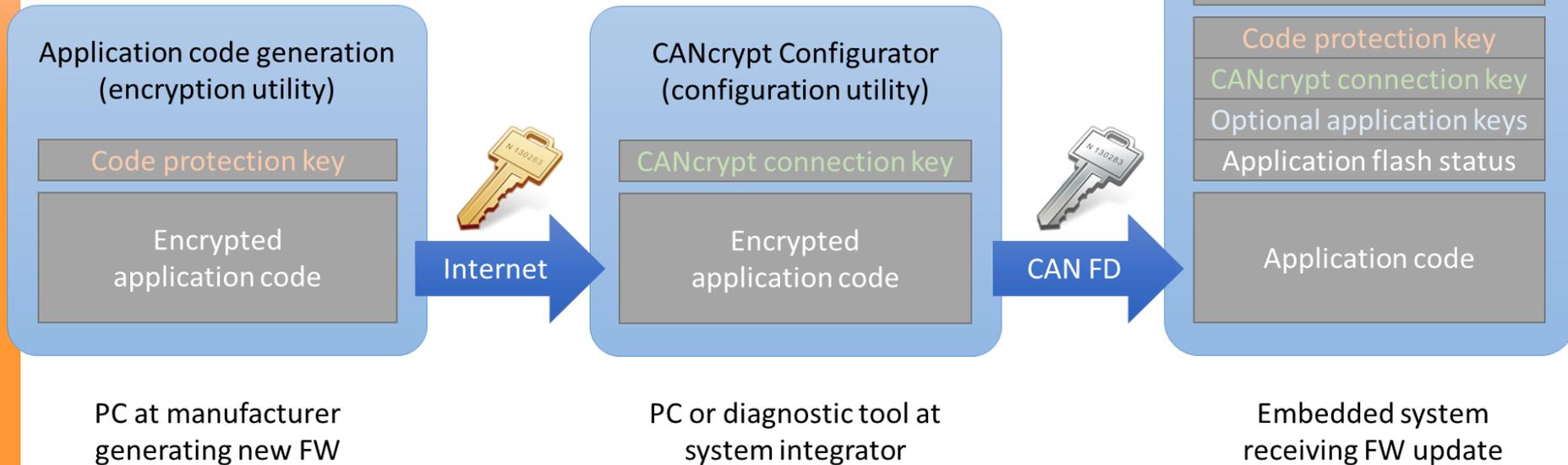
- ❑ The key ID can be read at any time (public info)
- ❑ Service case: service utility reads public ID and then checks if it has a matching key in its database

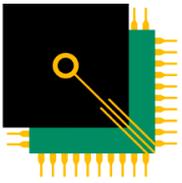


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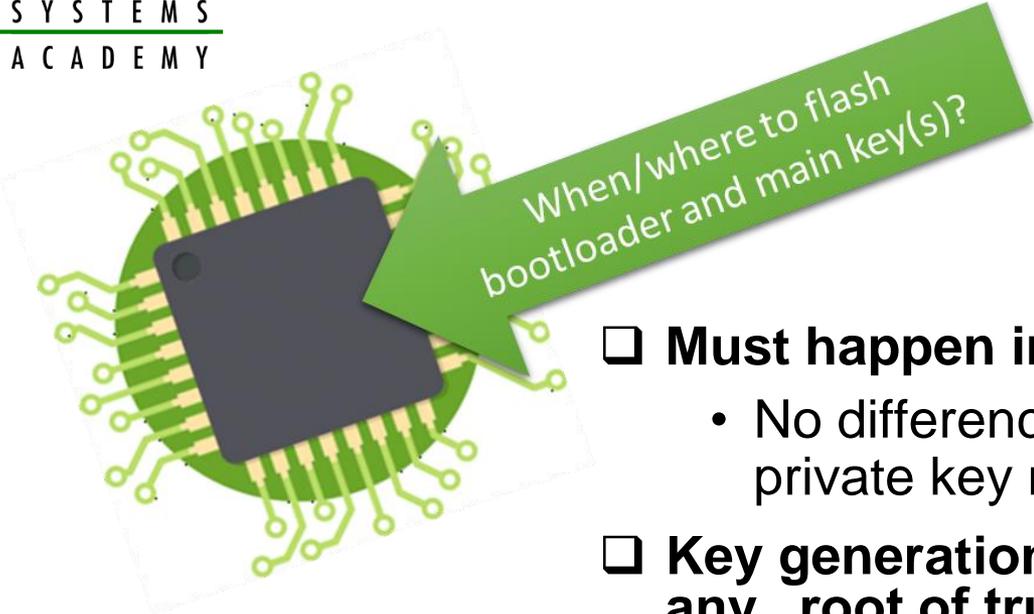
## □ Global and Local protection

- Global (code, manufacturer): code send via Internet
- Local (connection, system integrator): bootloader activated locally



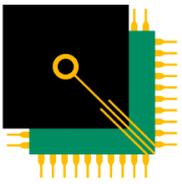


# Flashing Bootloader and initial key(s)



When/where to flash  
bootloader and main key(s)?

- Must happen in a trustworthy environment**
  - No difference to public/private key systems, private key must be protected
- Key generation and installation is where any „root of trust“ begins**
- Preferably in between**
  - Production  
and
  - Delivery
- Here:  
supported by FlashMagic utility**

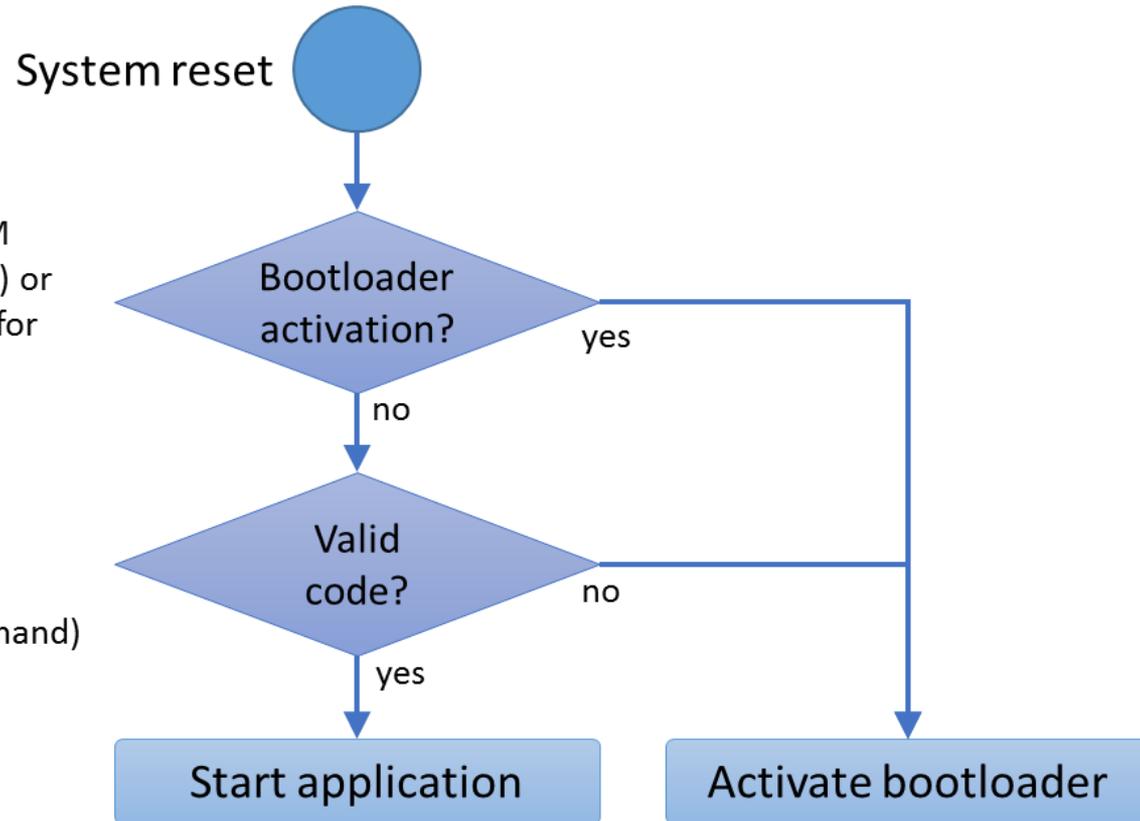


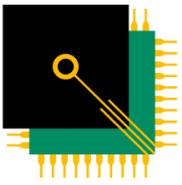
# Secure bootloader activation

Application writes „BOOT“ code to RAM and resets

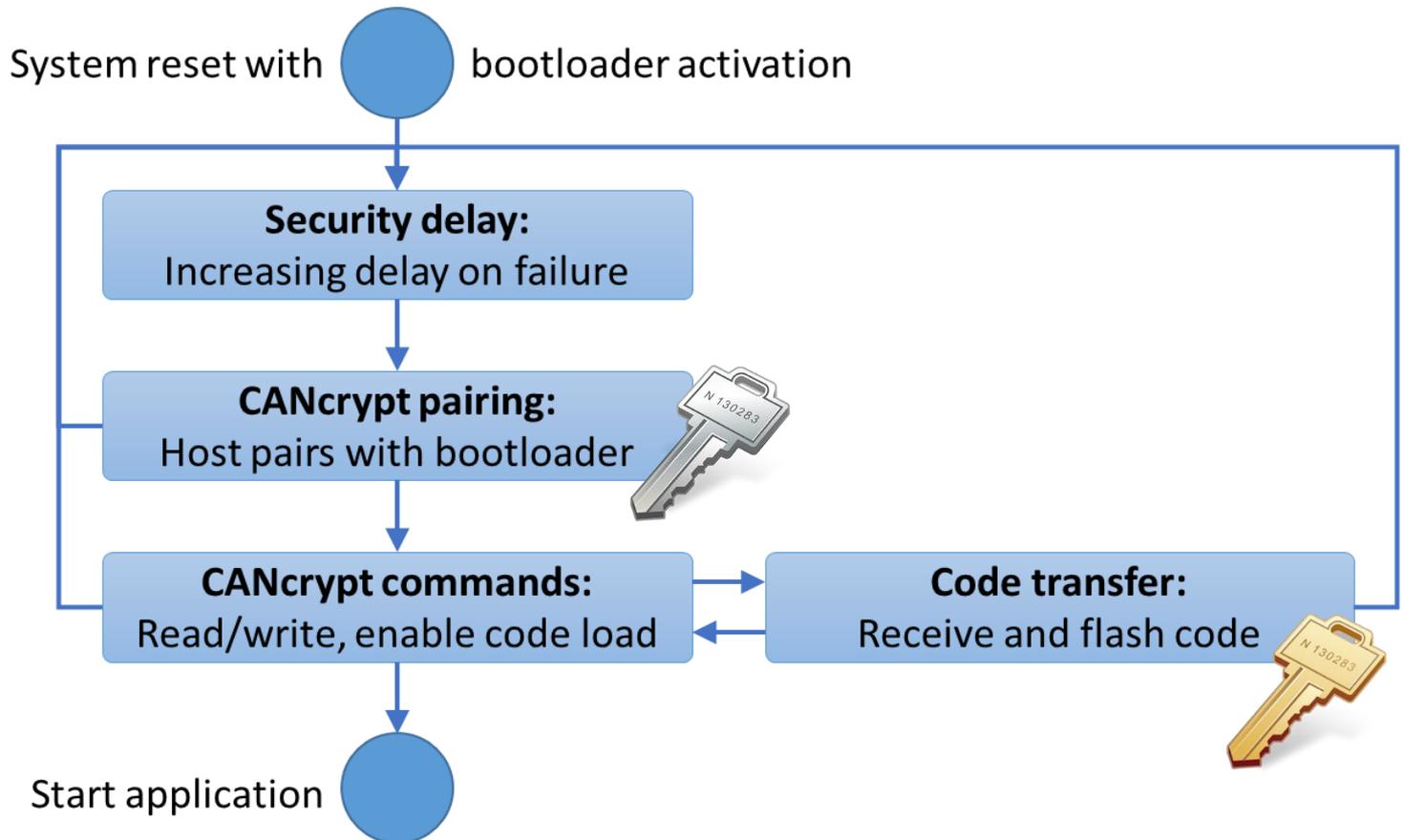
Activation code in RAM  
(written by application) or  
optional delay to wait for  
CANcrypt configurator

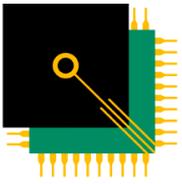
32-bit CRC match and  
marked as confirmed  
by bootloader  
(set by CANcrypt command)





# Bootloader state machine (once it is activated)





# Generating the code update file (utility provided)

.hex file:  
as produced by compiler system



convert to binary hex  
with 32-bit CRC

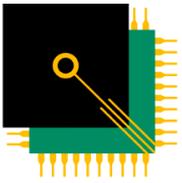


encrypt and sign,  
parameters in header



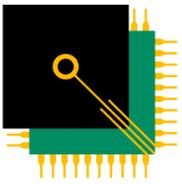
add file header  
for host only





# Contents of the security header

- Bootloader version number required**
  - Ensure that bootloader matches to file
- Firmware version number**
  - Only allow upgrades not downgrades
- Serial number of destination chip**
  - If set, only allow to be programmed in matching device
- Encryption method**
- Encryption parameters**
  - key info, vectors, size
- Signature method**
- Signature parameters**
  - key info, vectors



# Code update file processing

Host initiates CANcrypt pairing,  
on success, erase flash, start code transfer



File opened by host,  
file header can be used to identify file



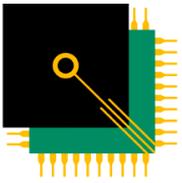
Host sends file to bootloader (without file header),  
loader extracts security header and  
checks if file is usable (methods and versions match)



Loader decrypts and flashes code data,  
only flashes last block/segment,  
if digital signature matches

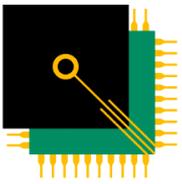


Host (still CANcrypt paired)  
writes update cycle completed confirmation



**ESAcademy's CAN(-FD) secure bootloader**

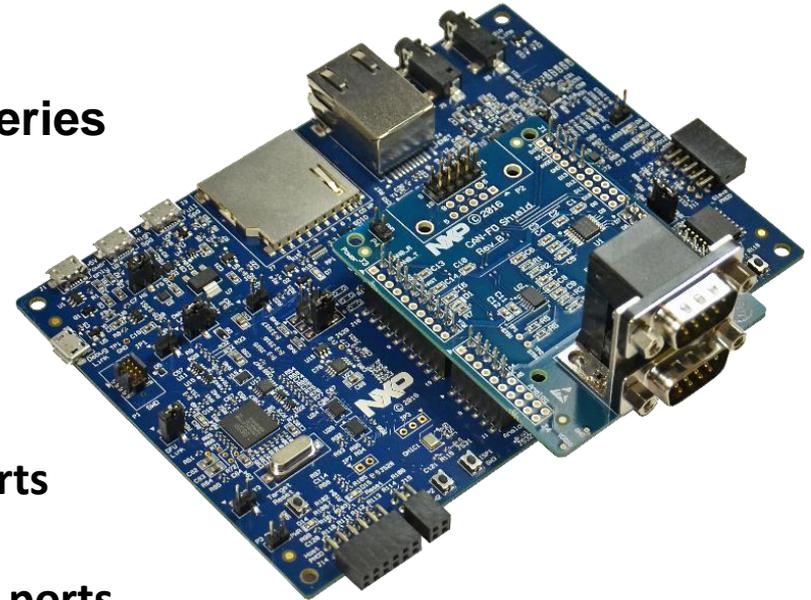
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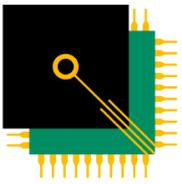


# LPCXpresso54618 CAN-FD Kit

## Development platform for LPC546xx Series

- LPC54618 MCU running at 180MHz
- 128Mb Micron SDRAM
- 128Mb Micron quad SPI flash
- Built-in CMSIS-DAP/J-link debug probe
- Ethernet, DMIC, SD card, USB HS/FS ports
- Stereo audio codec
- Arduino UNO R3 compatible expansion ports
- Shield board with TJA1059 dual transceiver
- Supported by MCUXpresso SDK for  
MCUXpresso IDE, Keil and IAR tools





# LPC546xx Block Diagram

## CPU Cortex-M4F

- ❑ LPC54628 up to 220MHz
- ❑ Other parts up to 180MHz

## Memory

- ❑ Up to 512 KB Flash
- ❑ Up to 200 KB RAM
- ❑ 16 KB EEPROM

## Interfaces for connectivity & sensors

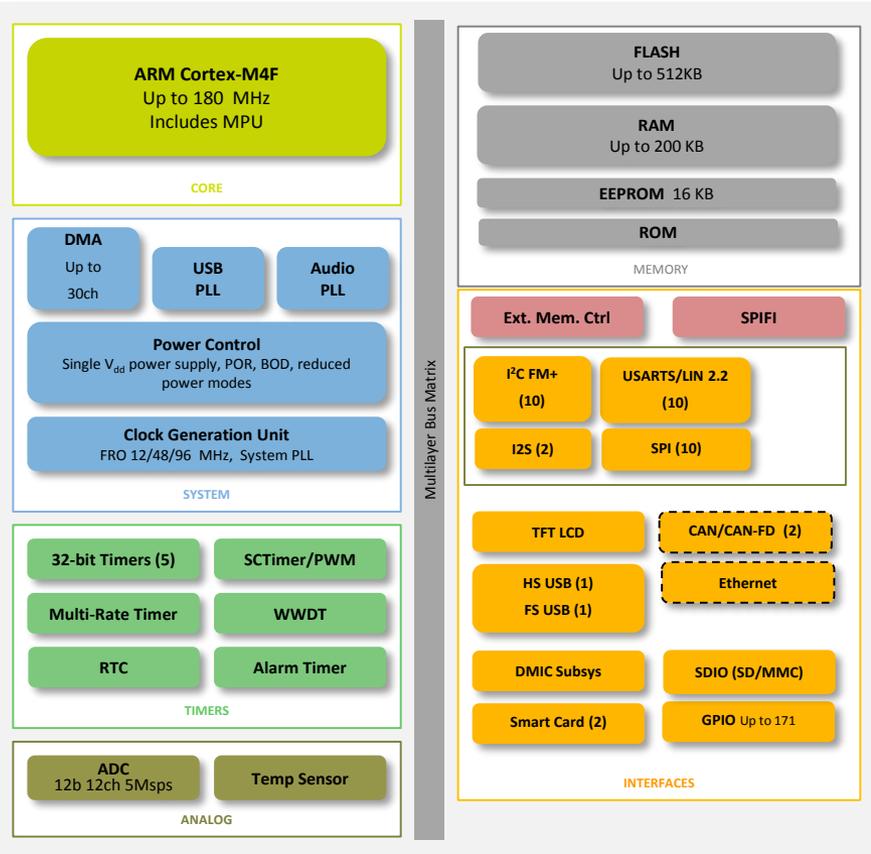
- ❑ Stereo DMIC subsystem
- ❑ 1x HS USB (H/D) w/ on-chip HS PHY, XTAL-less FS USB (H/D)
- ❑ 10 SPI, 10 I2C, 10 UART, 2 I2S channels (max 10 channels total)
- ❑ Graphic LCD with resolutions up to 1024x768
- ❑ Ethernet with IEEE1722 timestamp
- ❑ 2 x CAN-FD controller (LPC5461x and LPC54628)
- ❑ Quad SPI flash interface
- ❑ External Memory interface (up to 32 bits)

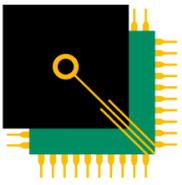
## Packages

- ❑ LQFP208 (28 x 28 mm), TFBGA180 (12 x 12 mm)
- ❑ LQFP100, TFBGA100

## Operating

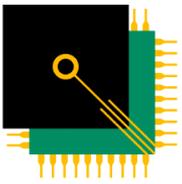
- ❑ Operating voltage: 1.71 to 3.6V
- ❑ Temperature range: -40 to 105 °C





# Internal Bootloader ISP: In-System Programming

- ❑ **LPC546xx has various options to load code**
  - USART/I2C/SPI
  - USB0/USB1
  - Plus programming via SWD debug port
- ❑ **Per default, they are all enabled**
  - Pulling ISP\_PINx low on reset activates them
- ❑ **They can all be disabled by software**
  - If disabled by secondary, secure bootloader, then ISP/SWD can no longer be used
  - If keys are lost, no more updates...
- ❑ **Default of our secondary bootloader**
  - All remain enabled

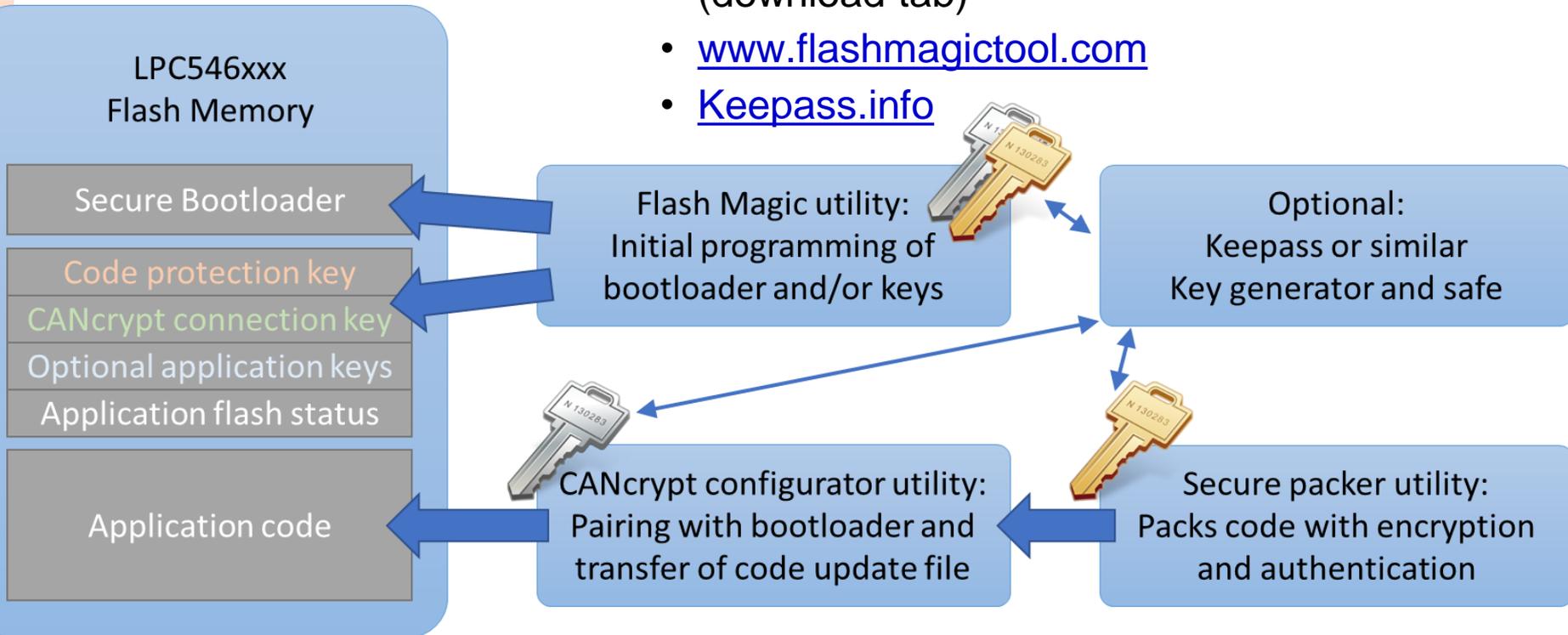


# Software components overview

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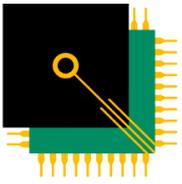
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- [Keepass.info](http://Keepass.info)



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# ESAcademy's secure CAN bootloader Free vs. Commercial

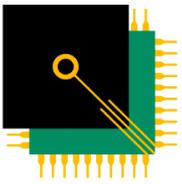
## Free download

- Delivered as .hex**
- On-chip ISP enabled**
  - ISP remains as backdoor
- Fixed bit rate**
  - 500/2000 kbps
- Fixed device and node ID**
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- Pre-selected security methods**
  - AES-GCM encryption and authentication

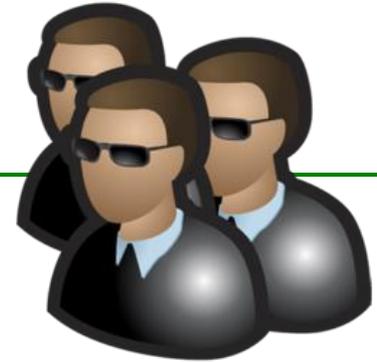
[www.cryptopp.com/wiki/GCM\\_Mode](http://www.cryptopp.com/wiki/GCM_Mode)

## License from ESAcademy

- Full C source code**
- On-chip ISP may be disabled**
  - No more updates if key is lost
- Configurable bit rate**
  - Any combination supported
- Configurable device and node ID**
  - 2-15 or 1-127
- Selectable security methods**
  - All common methods supported
  - AES, SHA, RSA, EEC



# Security limits



## Keys are stored in regular Flash!

- Can be read by ISP/SWD
  - if not protected
- Can be read from application
  - NOTE: Only manufacturer can load new application via secure bootloader

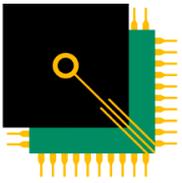
## Key generation and installation?

- Keys must be „truly random“
- Must happen in a trustworthy environment

## Key storage



- Treat keys as valuable as what they protect
  - Here: source code
- For small amount of keys, a password manager like „KeePass“ can be used



# Secure Bootloader Security Review

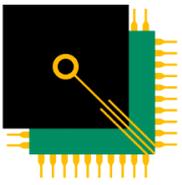
- ❑ **3rd Party contracted with a security review of the secondary, secure CAN-FD bootloader**

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- ❑ **Work in progress, result expected within July**
  - Result will be published in ESAcademy's Blog



# Where to get started

## Files available from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2017

- ❑ **LPC range of MCUs at [nxp.com/lpc](http://nxp.com/lpc)**
- ❑ **LPCXpresso54618 board at [nxp.com/demoboard/om13094](http://nxp.com/demoboard/om13094)**
- ❑ **CAN-FD driver add-ons under Downloads tab**
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### OM13094: LPCXpresso54618 CAN-FD kit

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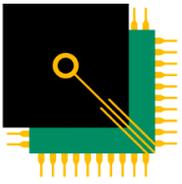
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The LPCXpresso54618 CAN-FD kit provides a flexible platform for developers wanting to evaluate and develop with CAN-FD on the LPC5461x family of devices. This kit is comprised of an LPCXpresso54618 board featuring an LPC54618 MCU with an on-board, CMSIS-DAP / SEGGER J-Link compatible debug probe, and a daughter card (also known as a shield board) with a dual CAN-FD transceiver and RS232C interface. The on-board probe is compatible with MCUXpresso IDE and other leading toolchains such as those from Keil and IAR. The board is also equipped with a standard 10-pin header enabling the use of 3rd party debug probes. In addition to standard LPCXpresso V3 features, this board includes a complete set of peripheral interfaces to enable developers to fully explore the capabilities of LPC5461x devices.

MCUXpresso configuration tools and extensive SDK drivers/examples for use are available for the board at <http://mcuxpresso.nxp.com>. Note that CAN-FD drivers are not included in SDK2.2 but are available as a separate download under the Downloads tab on this page.





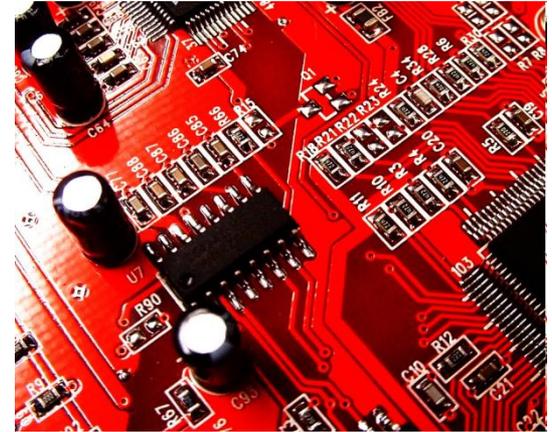
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